

50th Reunion Date Correction

The Jefferson High School Class of 1968 will be celebrating its 50th year reunion with a reception and dinner on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Riverside Golf and Country Club, 8105 N.E. 33rd Dr. The wrong date for the event was published in last week's issue. We regret the error.

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Supreme Court Nominee Accused

Woman says she was sexually assaulted

(AP) —Senate Republicans and Democrats fought determinedly Tuesday over who should testify at a high-stakes hearing on the allegation Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted a girl in high school, 36 years ago.

Oddly, it remained unclear whether Christine Blasey Ford, the woman who set off the controversy over President Trump's nominee, would appear at Monday's Judiciary Committee hearing.

Democrats said they wanted more time for the FBI to investigate — and more witnesses besides Kavanaugh and Ford, hoping to avoid what would turn into merely a "he said, she said" moment. Those witnesses would include Kavanaugh's high school friend Mark Judge, who Ford said was in the room when she was assaulted, but Judge said no. Kavanaugh has denied Ford's allegation, and Judge says he



Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's nominee for Supreme Court Justice.

doesn't remember any such incident.

The furious jockeying over the hearing underscored the political potency so close to the November General Election that will decide control of both the House and Senate, not to

mention the confirmation of a conservative justice likely to serve on the high court for decades.

Democrats see their arguments about treating women fairly as the best hope for either sinking the appellate judge's nomination or, should Kavanaugh win confirmation, amplifying their appeals to female voters in November. Republicans have been careful to be seen as giving Ford a chance to be heard, mindful that outright dismissal of her accusation could hurt on Election Day.

Still, the risks of a public hearing starring the all-male lineup of Republicans on the committee could be high. Republicans said late Tuesday they were considering hiring outside attorneys, presumably including women, to question the witnesses.

Kavanaugh, 53, was at the White House for a second straight day, but again did not meet with Trump. The president said he was "totally supporting" Kavanaugh and rejected calls

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Carolinas Flood after Florence

The governors of South Carolina and North Carolina warned residents Tuesday that a massive flooding was not yet done after four days of record rainfall from Hurricane Florence which struck the east coast on Friday. In North Carolina, 16 rivers are at major flood level and 26 people died due to the storm. More than 2,200 people were rescued and 10,000 people remain in shelters.

Accused of Jail Attack

Jeremy Christian, the man accused of murdering two people in a racially charged attack on the MAX last year is now charged with assaulting a black inmate in jail. Christian appeared in court last week to face one count of 4th-degree assault for causing physical injury to a prisoner at the Multnomah County Jail last July 29.



Prison Wage Protest Turns Violent

Three people were arrested Thursday after a protest in the south Waterfront area near

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OHSU turned violent. Police said they used pepper spray for crowd control after protesters refused to move out of the street, blocked building entrances and threw a bottle at police. Organizers affiliated with Occupy ICE and other groups said they were protesting "OHSU's use of prisoners who are paid only five cents an hour to wash their bloody sheets in unsafe conditions."



Buyer Found for Courthouse

Multnomah County announced last week that it has found a buyer for its century-old downtown courthouse, which it plans to vacate in 2020. Portland-based NBP Capital plans to buy and renovate the building when the county moves to the new courthouse, currently under construction near the Hawthorne Bridge. NBP has agreed to pay \$28 million for the

building, then lease it back to the county rent-free for two years until the new courthouse is complete.

Nike Shares Set Record

Shares of Nike reached an all-time high Friday afternoon, rebounding from a recent dip spurred by concerns about consumer boycott after the athletic apparel maker signed a high-profile deal with former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick. The company's stock was up nearly 2 percent since before the campaign launched. Longer-term, Nike stock has surged 33 percent this year as Wall Street bet that the company would be able to ride out the negative publicity.

Thorns Advance to Title Game

On Saturday, the Portland Thorns made league history, advancing once again to the National Women's Soccer League championship game after defeating Cascadia rival Seattle Reign 2-1 in a semifinal match. The Thorns are the first-ever National Women's Soccer League team to secure a spot in the championship game for three consecutive years.

OxyContin Maker Sued

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum Thursday sued Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, for falsely and deceptively marketing its opioid drug in Oregon. The complaint alleges that Purdue deceptively marketed OxyContin to Oregon seniors, misrepresented the risks and benefits of the drug, and lied to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy, all to maximize Purdue's profits.

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